

**AN AMENDED ORDINANCE  
BY CITY UTILITIES COMMITTEE**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 154 (UTILITIES), ARTICLE III (WATER), DIVISION 1 (GENERALLY) OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, CODE OF ORDINANCES, FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT BUREAU OF DRINKING WATER TO ADJUST METER AND HYDRANT SERVICE AND INSTALLATION FEES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the Bureau of Drinking Water (“BDW”) performs engineering review and approval of plans for drinking water service, fire service to new developments for which BDW charges a fee to recuperate the costs associated with such work; and

**WHEREAS**, BDW performs plan review and approval for the installation of new water meters, and it has been more than five years since the installation fees have been reviewed and updated to reflect actual costs to BDW; and

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**WHEREAS**, BDW desires to update and include such fees as are appropriate to reflect the actual costs associated with the work and services performed at the request of its customers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commissioner of the Department of Watershed Management, pursuant to Section 154-67(b) of the City Code, has determined that an adjustment to such fees are appropriate to capture the actual costs to the Department and make the water and sewer fund whole for services provided to its customers.

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAINS**  
as follows:

**SECTION 1.**

That Chapter 154 (Utilities), Article III (Water), Division 1 (Generally) is hereby amended in the appropriate provisions corresponding with the fees for the itemized services as set forth below:

**SMALL METER PURCHASE AND ASSOCIATED DEPARTMENT SERVICES:**

Water Meter Size	Purchase Price	Inspection/Testing /Documentation
<b>TOTAL</b>		
¾"	\$136.00	\$164.00
1"	\$160.00	\$164.00
1 ½"	\$257.00	\$164.00
2"	\$316.00	\$164.00
	\$480.00	

**SMALL METER INSTALLATION PERFORMED BY CITY OF ATLANTA:**

Existing Meter Size	Fee for Meter Installation	Required Plan Review Deposit
¾"	\$2,100.00	No Plans Required
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\* Fees include the demolition, removal and disposal of existing meter and meter vault plus site restoration.

## **SECTION 2.**

That Chapter 154, Article III, Division 1, be amended to add a new section for the establishment of a fee to recover the costs for services provided associated with the reestablishment of water services, as set forth below:

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**Part II: Legislative White Paper:**

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**Committee of Purview:** City Utilities Committee

**Caption:**

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**Council Meeting Date:** TBD

**Requesting Dept.:** Department of Watershed Management

**B. To be completed by the department:**

**1. Please provide a summary of the purpose of this legislation (Justification Statement).**

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**2. Please provide background information regarding this legislation.**

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**3. If Applicable/Known:**

(a) **Contract Type (e.g. Professional Services, Construction Agreement, etc):** N/A

(b) **Source Selection:**

(c) Bids/Proposals Due:

(d) Invitations Issued:

(e) Number of Bids:

(f) Proposals Received:

(g) Bidders/Proponents:

(h) Term of Contract:

4. Fund Account Center (*Ex. Name and number*): N/A

Fund: \_\_\_\_\_ Account: \_\_\_\_\_ Center: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Source of Funds: *Example: Local Assistance Grant*

6. Fiscal Impact: TBD

7. Method of Cost Recovery:

This Legislative Request Form Was Prepared By:

TRANSMITTAL FORM FOR LEGISLATION

TO: MAYOR'S OFFICE

ATTN: Chief of Staff

Dept.'s Legislative Liaison: \_\_\_\_\_ Maisha L. Wood \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (404) 330-6887 \_\_\_\_\_

Originating Department: \_\_\_\_\_ Department of Watershed Management \_\_\_\_\_  
Committee(s) of Purview: \_\_\_\_\_ City Utilities \_\_\_\_\_

Chief of Staff Deadline: \_\_\_\_\_ May 11, 2010 \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Committee Meeting Date(s): \_\_\_\_\_ June 1, 2010 \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Full Council Date: \_\_\_\_\_ June 1, 2010 \_\_\_\_\_

Legislative Counsel's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Theresa Smith*

Commissioner Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Robert J. Hunter*

Chief Procurement Officer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ n/a \_\_\_\_\_

CAPTION

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FINANCIAL IMPACT (if any): n/a

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(date) (date)

Received by Mayor's Office: *DK 5/21/10* Reviewed by: *[Signature]*  
(date) (date)

Submitted to Council: \_\_\_\_\_  
(date)